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**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. - 24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A method, comprising the steps of:

assigning by a controller a permanent first and second numbers to a mobile station,  
wherein the numbers have fewer than seven digits;

assigning by the controller permanent user zones to the mobile station;

assigning by the controller temporary user zones to the mobile station;

employing the first number when the mobile station is located in a first location in a  
respective permanent user zone of the permanent user zones, wherein the first number allows  
connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the first number; and

employing the second number when the mobile station is located in a second location in a  
respective temporary user zone of the temporary user zones, wherein the second number allows  
connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the second number, and wherein the  
second number differs from the first number, and wherein the second location differs from the  
first location.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the step of assigning the  
second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second  
location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number  
comprises the step of selecting the second location to comprise a location that is noncontiguous  
with the first location.

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27. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the step of assigning the first number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the first location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the first number comprises the step of selecting the first number to correspond to a first user zone that comprises the first location; and

wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting the second number to correspond to a second user zone that comprises the second location, and wherein the second user zone differs from the first user zone.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting a discounted billing rate for the call that employs the second number.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting the second number to allow only calls that employ the second number to be, contemporaneously with location of the mobile station in a temporary user zone that comprises the second location, originated and/or terminated in the temporary user zone.

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30. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of assigning a particular number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at any one of a plurality of locations allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the particular number, and wherein the particular number differs from the first number, wherein each location of the plurality of locations differs from the first location.

31. (Currently amended) A method, comprising the steps of:

assigning by a controller of a mobile switching center a permanent first and second numbers to a mobile station, wherein the numbers have fewer than seven digits;

assigning by the controller of the mobile switching center permanent user zones to the mobile station;

assigning by the controller of the mobile switching center temporary user zones to the mobile station;

employing the first number when the mobile station is located in a first location in a respective permanent user zone of the permanent user zones, wherein the first number allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the first number; and

employing the second number when the mobile station is located in a second location in a respective temporary user zone of the temporary user zones, wherein the second number allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the second number, and wherein the second number differs from the first number, and wherein the second location differs from the first location.

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32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting the second location to comprise a location that is noncontiguous with the first location.

33. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of assigning the first number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the first location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the first number comprises the step of selecting the first number to correspond to a first user zone that comprises the first location; and wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting the second number to correspond to a second user zone that comprises the second location, and wherein the second user zone differs from the first user zone.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting a discounted billing rate for the call that employs the second number.

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35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting the second number to allow only calls that employ the second number to be, contemporaneously with location of the mobile station in a temporary user zone that comprises the second location, originated and/or terminated in the temporary user zone.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of directing to voice mail, upon location of the mobile station at the second location, a call that employs the first number.

37. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of assigning a particular number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at any one of a plurality of locations allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the particular number, and wherein the particular number differs from the first number, and wherein each location of the plurality of locations differs from the first location.

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38. (Currently amended) A method, comprising the steps of:

assigning to a mobile station at a location distinct from the mobile station, permanent first and second numbers, the numbers having fewer than seven digits;

assigning to the mobile station at a location distinct from the mobile station, permanent user zones;

assigning to the mobile station at a location distinct from the mobile station, temporary user zones;

employing the first number when the mobile station is located in a first location in a respective permanent user zone of the permanent user zones, wherein the first number allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the first number; and

employing the second number when the mobile station is located in a second location in a respective temporary user zone of the temporary user zones, wherein the second number allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the second number, and wherein the second number differs from the first number, and wherein the second location differs from the first location.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the step of assigning to a mobile station at a location distinct from the mobile station, the permanent second number comprises the step of selecting the second location to comprise a location that is noncontiguous with the first location.

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40. (Currently amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the step of assigning to a mobile station at a location distinct from the mobile station, the permanent first number comprises the step of selecting the first number to correspond to a first user zone that comprises the first location; and

wherein the step of assigning to a mobile station at a location distinct from the mobile station, the permanent second number comprises the step of selecting the second number to correspond to a second user zone that comprises the second location, and wherein the second user zone differs from the first user zone.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the step of assigning to a mobile station at a location distinct from the mobile station, the permanent second number comprises the step of selecting a discounted billing rate for the call that employs the second number.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the step of assigning to a mobile station at a location distinct from the mobile station, the permanent second number comprises the step of selecting the second number to allow only calls that employ the second number to be, contemporaneously with location of the mobile station in a temporary user zone that comprises the second location, originated and/or terminated in the temporary user zone.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the step of assigning to a mobile station at a location distinct from the mobile station, the permanent second number comprises the step of directing to voice mail, upon location of the mobile station at the second location, a call that employs the first number.

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44. (Currently amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the step of assigning to a mobile station at a location distinct from the mobile station, the permanent second number comprises the step of assigning a particular number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at any one of a plurality of locations allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the particular number, and wherein the particular number differs from the first number, and wherein each location of the plurality of locations differs from the first location.

45. (New) A method, comprising the steps of:

assigning by a controller a permanent first and second numbers to a mobile station, wherein the numbers have fewer digits than required to specify a telephone number having an area code, exchange code and station number;

assigning by the controller permanent user zones to the mobile station;

assigning by the controller temporary user zones to the mobile station;

employing the first number when the mobile station is located in a first location in a respective permanent user zone of the permanent user zones, wherein the first number allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the first number; and

employing the second number when the mobile station is located in a second location in a respective temporary user zone of the temporary user zones, wherein the second number allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the second number, and wherein the second number differs from the first number, and wherein the second location differs from the first location.